IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8-22 and 26-27, without prejudice.

- (Original) A polymer blend comprising:
 an ethylene-propylene random copolymer; and
- a modifier selected from the group consisting of a metallocene-catalyzed polyethylene-based copolymer, a metallocene-catalyzed polyethylene-based terpolymer, and a syndiotactic polypropylene homopolymer.
- 2. (Original) The polymer blend of claim 1, further comprising an organic peroxide such as 2,5-dimethyl-2,5 di-(tert-butylperoxy) hexane and 3,6,9-triethyl-3,6,9-trimethyl-1,2,4,5,7,8-hexonone.
- 3. (Original) The polymer blend of claim 1, wherein the ethylene-propylene copolymer comprises about 2 weight percent ethylene.
- 4. (Original) The polymer blend of claim 1 wherein the modifier comprises about 7 weight percent of the blend.
- 5. (Original) The polymer blend of claim 4 wherein the modifier is a metallocene-catalyzed polyethylene-based copolymer.
- 6. (Original) The polymer blend of claim 4 wherein the modifier is a metallocene-catalyzed polyethylene-based terpolymer.

7. (Original) The polymer blend of claim 4 wherein the modifier is a syndiotactic polypropylene homopolymer.

Claims 8-22 (Cancelled)

23. (Original) A method of making a polymer blend comprising:

providing an ethylene-propylene random copolymer; and

blending a modifier selected from the group consisting of a metallocenecatalyzed polyethylene-based copolymer, a metallocene-catalyzed polyethylene-based terpolymer, and a syndiotactic polypropylene homopolymer with the ethylene-propylene random copolymer to form the polymer blend.

- 24. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising visbreaking the polymer blend.
- 25. (Original) The method of claim 24, further comprising forming the polymer blend into a film.

Claims 26-27 (Cancelled)